

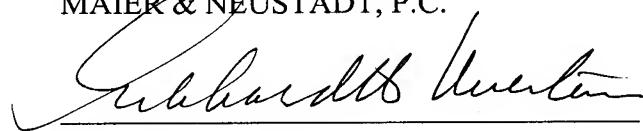
REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested. At the outset, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 2-11 and 14. The application currently includes Claims 1, 3-13, 15 as well as newly added Claims 17 and 18. Claims 2, 14, and 16 have been canceled. The dependent claims have been rewritten in independent form in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. In particular, the limitations of Claim 2 have been written into Claim 1. Claims 3 and 4 have been made dependent on Claim 1. Claim 5 has been written in independent form. Claim 8 has been written in independent form. The limitations of Claim 14 have been written into Claim 12. New Claims 17 and 18 have been added. These claims include the subject matter of objected to Claim 11 but depend from Claims 5 and 8. In addition, some minor changes have been made to Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, and 15 to correct the syntax.

From all of the above, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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